



EMPOWERMENT ZONE ADVISORY BOARD

City of El Paso – Community and Human Development Department – Empowerment Zone Grant (EZ)

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL-TWO CIVIC CENTER PLAZA-8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, EL PASO, TX
MARCH 5, 2008
5:30 p.m.

The Empowerment Zone Advisory Board met in regular session at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Sally J. Andrade was present and presiding.

The following Advisory Board members answered roll call:

Kwadwo Achampong,
Sally Andrade (Vice-Chair),
Park Kerr,
Rick Melendrez,
Edith Zuvanich

Absent:

Trinidad Acevedo,
Soledad Muniz,
Maria Teresa Orozco,
Han C. Park

Staff present:

Bill Lilly (Community and Human Development Director),
Marie A. Taylor (City Attorney's Office),
Isela Robison (Empowerment Zone Grant Coordinator),
Angelica Murillo (Empowerment Zone Project Compliance Specialist),
Priscilla Arellano (Recording Secretary)

The following members of the public commented:

Rosario Fernandez, Project Vida
Morris Pittle, Two Ton
Verónica Rosales, City of El Paso, Economic Development Department
H.W. Bill Sparks

1. Approval of February 19, 2008 Minutes

Motion made by Park Kerr to approve, seconded by Rick Melendrez, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the Minutes for the February 19, 2008 meeting.

2. Review and Discussion of Input from Community Meetings

After hearing public comments and reviewing the input given at the Community meetings, the Advisory Board proposed a potential budget for the following categories:

<i>Issue Categories Presented:</i>	<i>Potential Budget</i>
1a. Small Bus Technical Assistance/ Entrepreneurial Training	\$ 500,000.00
1b. Micro Business Loans	\$ 600,000.00
1c. Micro Business Forgivable Loans	\$ 200,000.00
2. Marketing of EZ Businesses	\$ 150,000.00
3. Façade Improvement Program	\$ 150,000.00

4. Small Business Incubator	\$ 500,000.00
5. Outreach & Educational/Bilingual Training	\$ 400,000.00
6. Childcare	\$ 300,000.00
7. Transportation	\$ 150,000.00
Total	\$ 2,950,000.00
8. Administration FY'08 & FY'09	\$ 800,000.00
	<u>\$ 3,750,000.00</u>

Motion made by Rick Melendrez, seconded by Park Kerr, and unanimously carried for City Staff to review and check the EZAB proposed budget and additional scenarios against HUD requirements and other resources available in the City. City Staff will present the scenarios for consideration at the next scheduled Advisory Board meeting.

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3. Set Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Burleson Elementary School (4440 Blanco Ave.).

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4. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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5. Adjournment

Motion made by Rick Melendrez, seconded by Edith Zuvanich, and unanimously carried to adjourn meeting at 7:56 p.m.